



Tornado confirmed in Harford

Storm causes \$1M in damage in Fallston area, skips over APG

Harford County news release

The National Weather Service confirmed June 2 that an F1 tornado passed through Harford County Friday evening, June 1. The storm, with winds up to nearly 100 mph, caused severe property damage in the Fallston

area. Approximately 60 volunteer fire and rescue personnel from several county fire companies responded to the primary incident located in the 2000 block of Bel Air Road in Fallston. Firefighters worked for nearly eight

hours conducting search and rescue operations among other calls following touchdown of the tornado. Three civilians were injured during the storm; one was transported to Shock Trauma in Baltimore, one was transported to

Franklin Square and the third I received medical treatment on his own. There were no reported injuries to fire and rescue personnel. At the height of the storm approximately 26,000 residents

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North Harford Middle rededicates Wall of Honor

Story and photo by RACHEL PONDER
APG News

North Harford Middle School students, staff and guests gathered to rededicate the school's Wall of Honor during a May 29 ceremony in the auditorium. As part of a seventh grade service learning project, NHMS students and staff were invited to submit the names, ranks, service dates and branches of Family members who have served, or are currently serving. The Wall now honors 500 members of the U.S. Armed Forces. During the ceremony, a representative from each branch of the military added a flag to the display and the Aberdeen Proving Ground color guard, under the direction of retired Command Sgt. Maj. Fred Posadas, posted the colors. Students led the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance and carried or held state flags throughout the ceremony. Cameron Davis and Kaylee Davis, seventh grade students who spearheaded the project, also gave remarks. Davis noted that during the course of the project they studied various functions of the military.

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(From left) Lauren Carter and Cameron Davis, seventh graders, read names on the Wall of Honor May 29. As part of a service learning project, students and staff submitted the names and information for their Family members who have served, or are serving in the military.



APG celebrates Army birthday with June 14 festivities

By ADRIANE FOSS
APG News

The community is invited to join in a variety of celebrations in honor of the Army's 237th birthday at Aberdeen Proving Ground June 14. The day's events will kick off with the traditional birthday run at 6 a.m. Soldiers, Family members, retirees and civilians will gather at Fanshaw Field, where they will begin a 3.2 mile course along Aberdeen Boulevard. "This is an early morning event, but it's going to be a lot of fun," said HHC Commander Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa. "In addition to getting in some good cardio exercise, there is a real camaraderie that participants enjoy." Mustafaa said the most motivated units will be awarded streamers immediately after the run by the installation commanding general. Participants will again be among the thousands who will mark the start of the annual celebrations at military installations across the globe. "It's more than a simple birthday event. It's a salute to our branch of service, which has suc-

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Mustafaa assumes command of Garrison HHC June 1

Story and photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

June 1 brought a transition in leadership for Garrison APG's Headquarters and Headquarters Company as Capt. Malikah McCormick ceded leadership of the unit to Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa during a change of command ceremony at Top of the Bay. APG Garrison and Deputy Installation Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz passed the guidon from McCormick to Mustafaa during the ceremony and described the HHC commander as "a critical factor in the success here at APG during a period of tremendous change." Ortiz called McCormick a great leader who led from the front, "seizing every opportunity to go far beyond the norm and really making a positive and long-term difference" dur-



(From left) Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz passes the guidon to new Garrison HHC Commander Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa June 1.

ing her 15 months as company commander. He credited her and HHC 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson with successfully overseeing every major installation activity.

McCormick thanked HHC and garrison staff members, her Family and Jackson, who she called "the most loyal

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Straight talk from APG's top women leaders

By KASHIA SIMMONS
CERDEC Public Affairs

Six women senior executives and two GS-15 leaders spoke to a room of 130 attendees about life lessons gained during their rise to key government positions during the Women in Defense luncheon at the Beechtree catering facility in Aberdeen May 24. Their expertise spanned the

top ranks of the Army's legal community, auditing agency, human resources, and defense science and technology organizations in fields of mission command networks and systems, human research and engineering, and chemical and biological protection and policy.

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Senior executive women candidly share their professional experiences during the Women in Defense luncheon in Aberdeen May 24.

Photo by Amanda Rominiecki

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STREET TALK

How has social media changed your life?

It's amazing. It makes a world of difference for my Family. Our Family uses FaceTime (for video calls) and Voxer, a walkie talkie app, to talk to my husband while he is TDY or deployed. Before these programs, we used to communicate mostly through letters; we would wait two to three weeks for a letter. Because of social media, we feel more connected when we are separated.



Anna Hiltibidal
Military spouse

Social media lets me get information about my Family and friends faster, than if I was just relying on my phone to stay in touch. I mostly use it to keep in touch with long distance friends I met through the military. I use my phone to text friends that live locally. I am not addicted to social media; I use it about once a month.



Sgt.1st Class David Guerrero
CECOM

I don't feel the need to share everything I do on social media, but I do like to stay in touch with people. I have friends from the military that live all over the world. I go on Facebook about once a day to view photos and status updates of Family members that live on the West Coast. It helps me stay more connected.



Annette Turner
DoD contractor

Last year I got my own computer, so I use Facebook every day to contact friends. I use my phone less. I spend more time on the computer and less time on other activities, like T.V. I use Facebook in a positive way. I only talk to people I am friends with in real life, but I still prefer spending time with my friends in person. I am careful about what I post, because I have noticed it can cause problems. At my school I have seen fights and friendships end over something that has been posted on Facebook.



Jon Gage
Aberdeen High School junior

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER



Courtesy photo

Spec 4 Walter Jones (left) with his other UH-1 "Huey" Iroquois crew members in Vietnam during his tour in the Mekong Delta in 1971. Chief Warrant Officer 4 Walter Jones, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, was reunited with his battle buddy after over 40 years apart, Spec 4 Robert "Pinky" Pilkinton. Pilkinton, a crewmember aboard another helicopter at the time, got out of the Army and Vietnam a little while after this photo was taken. By writing a Letter to the Editor Pinky was able to reunite with Jones.

Vietnam 40 years later: Simple letter reunites 101st Airborne Division vets

By KIMBERLY LEWIS
Fort Campbell Courier

With a simple "Letter to the Editor" to the Fort Campbell Courier from the Philippines, two Vietnam veterans were able to catch up after more than four decades apart. "For 40 plus years I have wondered and searched for him," said Robert "Pinky" Pilkinton III of his comrade, Walter "Jonesy" Jones III.



Robert Pilkinton III

Serving Together

Jones and Pilkinton served together in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War with the Vultures, 162nd Assault Helicopter Company, 158th Aviation Battalion, which supported a variety of units including the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. That's also where their friendship and careers were almost cut short. It all began in Can Tho when the two Specialist 4 crew chiefs got on board the same aircraft. While Jones' bird was in maintenance inspection and he was grounded with his aircraft, Pilkinton, a fellow crew chief, came to Jones and asked him to door gun for him. "Yea, it sounds like fun," said Jones, who never flew with Pilkinton before that day. "Doing the insertions, doing our job, that's always fun," he said. "Sometimes you get shot up more than others. In this case we did get shot up more."

The Incident

While hovering over the landing zone, the UH-1 "Huey" Iroquois they were in started to receive small arms fire. "I had to make some critical decisions that afternoon," said Pilkinton referring to March 22, 1971, "choices that made

Fortunately, a decision to top off the fuel just prior to this insertion probably saved our lives. If there had been much vapor in the fuel cell we would have exploded in mid air.

the difference of life and death." A round struck the helicopter's fuel cell and the aircraft immediately caught fire. "Fortunately, a decision to top off the fuel just prior to this insertion probably saved our lives," said Pilkinton. "If there had been much vapor in the fuel cell we would have exploded in mid air." With the increasing flames the aircraft began to spin, throwing everyone out except for Jones and the pilots. "I remember when we lost the tail boom and we were spinning, I was watching them fly out of the aircraft from 200 feet up," said Jones. He also witnessed his friend fly out. That's all Jones remembers. Upon impact Jones lost consciousness and later woke in the hospital with a broken leg and a shot up hand. "Standard procedure, when a bird goes down in an assault operation, those Soldiers in the other aircraft will set up your perimeter and they'll get the crew out and secure the aircraft," said Jones. And that's exactly what happened. He later learned that it was Pilkinton who saved his life and who would also be able to fill in the gaps. According to Pilkinton, the heat from the flames became unbearable. "I glanced forward, this time the fire

light on the instrument panel flashed on bright red," Pilkinton recounts. "I saw both pilots turn their heads and look at each other, almost immediately black smoke started pouring out of the instrument panel. Some of the [Vietnam Soldiers] at this point started jumping out of the helicopter." "My face was starting to blister and my flight suit was beginning to char and melt on my leg," he continued. "Now, I had to make a decision, burn or unstrap and hope for the best. I unstrapped and jumped onto the floor face down." The tail boom burned off and separated, that's when the violent spin and free fall started. "I could find nothing to cling to except the floor," said Pilkinton. According to Pilkinton there were two major factors at play: the G-force which was pressing him down keeping him in the Huey and the centripetal force which was dragging him out. "I felt my feet slide out the left door and thought to myself, just let me hang on, I do not want to be thrown out in mid-air," he said. "About that time we slammed into the ground ejecting me about 30 yards or better from the burning wreckage. To my surprise I was still alive. I stood up, felt myself to make

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Price to lead development of APG captains, majors

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PEO C3T

In her newly appointed assignment as Regional Acquisition Official, or RAO, Maj. Gen. N. Lee S. Price will directly affect the career path and experience of the Army Acquisition Corps captains and majors assigned across the commands located at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



Price

The March 26 appointment of Price, program executive officer for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), tasks her with coordinating a professional development plan for captains and majors at the halfway mark of their current three- to four-year assignment. The rotational plans ensure the officers an opportunity to diversify their acquisition experience.

“It is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility to oversee what opportunity many of our captains and majors will move onto next,” said Price. “It’s critical to get these leaders into a variety of positions to broaden their skills and challenge them to learn new ones.”

To help lead the process, Price appointed Hector M. Torres, human resources analyst for PEO C3T, as regional acquisition manager (RAM). In his new role, which took effect April 25, Torres will serve as the primary account manager for the APG region during this process and coordinate the proper tracking of each officer’s new assignment.

“I like the challenge,” said Torres about the recent appointment. “It gives us the opportunity to take care of a lot of great officers on this installation.”

An appointed board of officers from the acquisition units at APG will guide the assignment of the new positions, which take effect next summer.

The process officially kicked off April 24 - 25 when representatives from the U.S. Army Human Resources Command Acquisition Management Branch (HRC AMB) visited APG to inform the acquisition military workforce about the new updates in the acquisition field.

Those updates include a revised evaluation reporting system that more accurately assesses performance and potential.

The HRC AMB’s focus was also to inform and meet with the 20 to 30 captains and majors involved in the process of preparing for future assignments.

Maj. Rob Barnhill, a military evaluator with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, has been assigned through the RAM Board process in the past. He called it a pivotal step as it helps put the right person with the right job, and is managed at the local community level.

“Major General Price is a superb leader who invests her time in ensuring her team—whether civilian, contractor or military—is carefully taken care of. She personalizes the way she manages her team and is very open to mentoring them as well,” Barnhill said. “Hector is a seasoned HR professional who gets it. His appointment to act as the regional acquisition manager takes in the best interest of the community he proudly serves.”

Maj. Marty Jackson, assistant product manager for Joint Battle Command – Platform, also was assigned to his current position through the RAM Board process. He agreed the recent appointments will make a positive impact on the process.

“It means that now the rest of the regional pool of acquisition officers here at APG will have the opportunity to be mentored by one of the foremost leaders in Army Acquisition,” said Jackson, adding that the rotations provide the needed diversification required for success.

“Through the exposure to the different facets of the acquisition world, we gain a wealth of experience that is often hard to replicate from classroom training,” he said. “This understanding of the environment allows an Army leader to not only be more capable, but also have the required confidence in those capabilities to ensure mission success.”

During the next several months, officers targeted for reassignment will be contacted and given the opportunity to prioritize their choice of three positions that are open which they feel would be a good fit for them to transition into.

If an officer who has been identified to rotate in the summer of 2013 has not yet been contacted by the RAM, contact Torres at 443-395-8317 (DSN 648) or emailhector.m.torres22.civ@mail.mil.

APG farewells civilian retirees

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Five civilians retired during the installation retirement ceremony at the Ball Conference Center May 31.

APG’s senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, hosted the event and said he was pleased to recognize the great work done by the retirees, whose service totaled more than 171 years.

“Each of you have made a great impact on the Army and our great nation,” Ferrell said. “I hope that when you look back on your careers you are filled with pride for all the accomplishments you have achieved.”

The retirees were Robert B. Harting Jr. of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and CECOM’s Kim C. Guyer, Stephen G. Dunn Sr., Deborah L. Barrows, and John P. Bellantoni.

Robert B. Harting Jr.

Harting was awarded the Department of the Army Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, certificate of appreciation and certificate of retirement, signed by the Director of Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center Jill H. Smith. Harting will officially retire June 16 with more than 40 years of civilian service.

Harting began his career with four years of service in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. Since then he has held numerous mechanic and equipment specialist positions for the U.S. Army. In 2008 he transferred from Fort Belvoir, Va., to Aberdeen Proving Ground as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

Harting’s noteworthy accomplishments include assisting in 1982 with the airplane recovery efforts after Air Florida’s Flight 90 crashed into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington, D.C. In 1991, he repaired equipment to support Soldiers deployed in Operation Desert Storm. In 2001, he volunteered to participate in Operation Noble Eagle, where

he assisted in 9/11 recovery efforts. Harting maintained and repaired generators and light towers for all of the access gates on Fort Belvoir until commercial power could be supplied to permanent equipment. In 2004, he conducted a power assessment for Army units stationed in Germany; and in 2011, he conducted the testing, evaluation, and deployment of 150 kilowatts of hybrid solar power systems to support operations in Afghanistan.

In recent years, he was requested by name to support multiple power and energy research and development experiments. Harting culminates his career as an equipment specialist general with RDECOM.

Harting’s retirement plans include moving closer to Family and starting an auto shop business with his son-in-law.

“I will miss the Army Family,” Harting said.

Kim C. Guyer

Guyer was awarded the Department of the Army Commander’s Award for Civilian Service and certificates of appreciation and retirement, signed by APG’s senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell. Her husband, Gary Guyer, received the DA certificate of appreciation.

She officially retired June 2 with more than 37 years of dedicated government service with the Department of Defense.

Guyer began her federal career in the fall of 1973 in her hometown at the Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania, working in contracting and rapidly advancing during her first 14 years of service. Because of her contracting experience, Guyer was accepted into the U.S. Navy Contract Specialist Career Intern Program at what then was the Naval Supply Center, Mechanicsburg, Pa., completing the 24-month program in only 18 months.

Upon graduating from the program, she accepted a contracting position with the Navy at China Lake, Calif. A few years later, Guyer returned to employment with the U.S. Army at Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., where

she pursued her interest in law, working in the Judge Advocate’s Office.

She continued her federal service as a paralegal, where she worked for the Defense Logistics Agency at New Cumberland, Pa., and for the U.S. Army Environmental Command at APG. This career path lasted more than 13 years, until AEC became a part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure list.

Guyer took this opportunity to remain at APG and returned to the contacting career field in 2008, where she worked for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Army Contacting Command, and finally with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. She was a contracting officer at ACC prior to taking her final position as a procurement analyst in the CECOM Legal Office.

Guyer’s noteworthy accomplishments include mediating numerous Equal Employment Opportunity cases as a paralegal with DLA. She successfully represented the government at more than 100 unemployment hearings, saving the government hundreds of thousands of dollars.

From 2000-2001, Guyer completed a year-long Executive Leadership Program through the Leadership Development Academy of the Graduate School, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Guyer held warrants as a contracting officer for both the Navy and the Army.

Her retirement plans include volunteering at a local food bank and traveling throughout the Southwest.

Stephen J. Dunn Sr.

Dunn was awarded the Department of the Army Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, certificates of appreciation and retirement, signed by APG senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell. His wife Kathryn M. Dunn received the DA certificate of appreciation.

Dunn officially retired June 2, with 32 years of civilian service.

Dunn began his government career at the Philadelphia Naval shipyard Nov. 19, 1979.

Over the next 15 years, he worked at the shipyard in positions including welder, inside machinist and machinist work leader. In 1990, he became a machinist foreman. Throughout his time at the shipyard, he participated in sea trials on many ships and carriers after their overhaul was complete.

In 1995, he transferred to Fort Monmouth, N.J. and began working for the Directorate of Information Management. In February 2009 he accepted a promotion as an information technology specialist, working for the Software Engineering Center Command and Control Solutions Directorate.

Dunn relocated to APG due to the closure of Fort Monmouth. He culminates his career as an information technology specialist for the SEC, Command and Control Solutions Directorate, CECOM.

Dunn’s retirement plans include building his Family a house in Bedford, Va.

John P. Bellantoni

Bellantoni was awarded the certificate of appreciation and certificate of retirement, signed by APG senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell.

Bellantoni officially retired June 3 with 33 years of civilian service.

He began his civil service career with a position in the Communications-Electronics Command Procurement and Production Directorate, Avionics and Navigational Aids Division. He traveled regularly for the Army to include to Panama and many stateside production and testing areas. He spent a total of 17 years in the aviation arena, and regularly supported other branches of service.

Bellantoni served in the Army as a reserve logistician for nearly two decades, supporting infantry, signal security, signal construction, and field hospital units. He culminates his career as logistics management specialist with the Communications-Electronics Command.

His retirement plans include relocating his residence to Lancaster County, Pa., and spending more time with his father.

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Harting



Guyer



Dunn



Bellantoni

New union contract takes effect May 31

By **BOB DIMICHELE**
CECOM Public Affairs

A new contract culminating several months of negotiations between the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command and the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1904 took effect May 31.

The contract is an agreement between CECOM management and the AFGE dealing with conditions of employment for all of CECOM’s non-professional employees located at APG.

The AFGE is one of the major unions representing APG employees. It does not cover CECOM employees at locations such as Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Hood, Texas; or Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa., for example.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Ferrell, senior installation CECOM commander, and

John P. Bellatoni, president of Local 1904 signed the new contract during a small ceremony in the general’s office. It replaces an agreement between CECOM’s predecessor command and the union that lasted more than 31 years.

The contract was signed the day Bellatoni retired with 33 years of federal service. Bellatoni served as an officer in AFGE Local 1904 since 1977.

The contract will have a positive and lasting impact on the CECOM workforce, according to Ferrell.

“This contract is a testament to providing the right work environment for our employees,” he said.

Employees can access the contract on the command’s AKO main page or directly through the following link: <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/36691242>

Stateside number gives callers easy access to Army in Europe from U.S.

Special to the APG News

Anyone can now call the Army in Europe’s official Defense Switched Network phone numbers from the U.S. via a standard stateside commercial telephone number.

The number – 301-981-1059 -- gives callers in the United States who do not have a DSN line available immediate commercial access to an operator in Germany, who will then connect them to the appropriate DSN number in Europe.

“We realized that some people stateside not used to calling overseas are put off by foreign access codes and country codes,” said U.S. Army Europe Chief of Public Affairs Bryan Hilferty. “I know I was.”

“So we designed this system to encourage communication with incoming Soldiers and Families, as well as with U.S. citizens or researchers who have ques-

tions about the Army in Europe.”

“However, you still need to know the unit you want to connect with, or their DSN number, or the operator cannot complete the call,” Hilferty said. “And remember, the Army in Europe is six hours ahead of the East Coast, so best to call us when it is morning in the U.S.”

Callers must pay commercial calling costs to the Maryland 301 area code, but there are no overseas calling charges, and the number is accessible from any phone.

This number is for official use only -- not for “morale and welfare calls,” to access a civilian number, or for other personal use. Furthermore, the primary method for official communications remains DSN or e-mail.

For more information, e-mail ocpa.pi@eur.army.mil.

Life-saving training results in state award

Fire and Emergency employees honored for exceptional program, services

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

The value of a life-saving program at Aberdeen Proving Ground has resulted in it being honored with a prestigious state award during National Emergency Medical Services Week in May.

The Directorate of Emergency Services' Fire and Emergency Services Division received the Outstanding EMS Program Award from the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) during a ceremony at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis May 22.

Award

During the annual Maryland Stars of Life ceremony, Dr. Robert R. Bass, MIEMSS executive director and a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians (FACEP), presented the award to APG Fire Chief Edward C. Budnick who was accompanied by Michael P. Slayman, assistant chief of EMS. They were accompanied by paramedics Michael Davis, Scott Kauffman, and John Williamson who represented the entire Fire and Emergency Services Division.

The award was for the public education initiative involving the Public Access Defibrillator Program in which military and civilian employees receive instruction in first aid, CPR, and proper use of the automated external defibrillator (AED).

In 2011, APG paramedics and firefighters taught more than 2,400 students, comprising nearly 11,000 student hours, in 168 public classes and increased public access to defibrillators on post, resulting in at least two lives saved.

Slayman, who runs the program, said its success is due to the amount of responders and AEDs in place on APG – 498 AEDs in buildings and facilities throughout APG North (Aberdeen) and South (Edgewood).

He said the public access program that started in 1996 in post gyms has evolved and grown so much in numbers



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(At left) DES Paramedic Michael Davis demonstrates the proper placing of electrodes from an AED to the chest. (Below) Davis shows the correct placement and position of the hands during CPR, which should be carried out prior to the use of a defibrillator.

that it also was nominated for the EMS Program of the Year in 2008. Two CPR/AED classes – as they are commonly called – are held the third Wednesday of each month. Slayman said the award speaks volumes about the students' actions as well as the instructors' commitment.

“It emphasizes the importance [of the program] to our working population on post and ensures they know how to respond appropriately during an emergency,” he said, “and, it keeps my instructors motivated in a valuable program that requires a lot of additional time and work.”

In addition, emergency responders record each time an AED is used and maintain statistics on the medical outcome. Slayman said the award also recognizes the statistics on patients who were previously in cardiac arrest and obtained a “return of spontaneous circulation, or ROSC.

“The national average of patients who suffer a cardiac arrest and are resuscitated in the field is only 5 to 7 percent,” he

said. “Due to our outstanding public education initiative, in every cardiac arrest we responded to last year, out of three cardiac arrests, ROSC was obtained on all three and two returned to work within two weeks of the incident with little to no neurological deficit.”

He said all credit goes to the paramedics and firefighters who teach the programs. So far this year, 1,265 students have been trained.

“The educated public and availability of nearly 500 AEDs on post is what drives our success numbers,” Slayman said, adding that the program “bends over backwards” to support APG organizations.

“We’ve been doing a lot with MWR and Child, Youth and School Services as well as with large organizations like ATC,” he said.

More than 60 AEDs are located on the C4ISR complex, and the program even offers night classes.

“We train everybody,” Slayman said.

“We really understand the importance of keeping people happy and what we see in return is public support.”

To learn more about the classes, contact the EMS Division at 410-306-05623 or e-mail michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil.

MIEMSS and EMS Week

Each year the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS System. The term “Stars of Life” is used because it combines the symbol, the star of life, with the shared vision, “the elimination of preventable death and disability from injury or sudden illness.”

Awardees are selected by a statewide committee of career, volunteer and commercial EMS providers. The Outstanding EMS Program Award is awarded to a program that offers an innovative approach to reducing death and disability.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY KAYAK ADVENTURES

Teens ages 14-18 can learn to kayak for free while exploring local waterways around APG. Class dates are June 7 and 14. Transportation departs from the APG North youth center at 3:30 p.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

Register at CYSS Central Registration, Bldg. 2503. Walk-in registration is 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call for an appointment at 410-278-7479/7571. For information, contact conor.j.joyce.naf@mail.mil, or call 410-278-1399.

SATURDAY JUNE 9 AMERICAN LEGION DANCE

Dance featuring Live Band Lix is set at Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street in Perryville, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, and includes draft beer, pretzels, and chips. Event benefits Sons of The American Legion.

TUESDAY JUNE 12 RESIDENT PICNIC & BIKE RODEO

Picerne Military Housing will host the annual Resident Picnic at 2727 Chesapeake Blvd. from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Join Picerne for Family activities including games, a kids moon bounce, face painting and complimentary food.

The Directorate of Emergency Services will also host its annual bike rodeo in conjunction with the picnic. Children need to bring their own bikes and helmets in order to participate. The event is free to on-post residents. Call 410-305-1076 for information.

THURSDAY JUNE 14 APOLLO 15 ASTRONAUT SHARES JOURNEY TO MOON

Meet the first person to conduct a deep space walk when Col. Al Worden, command module pilot for the Apollo 15 mission to the moon and the author of “Falling to Earth,” comes to Harford County for a benefit lecture and book signing at 7 p.m. The event will benefit the Harford County Public Library Foundation and take place at the Vandiver Inn, 301 South Union Avenue in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$50 per person for the lecture or \$65 per person for a VIP ticket that includes a private reception with Col. Worden at 6:30 p.m. and reserved lecture seating. Tickets are available by calling 410-273-5600 or by visiting www.hcplonline.org.

ARMY BIRTHDAY

APG will commemorate the Army's 237th Birthday June 14 with a series of fun events to highlight the Army's heritage and proud tradition:

- A Birthday Run will kick off the celebrations. Soldiers, Family members, and civilians will start the day by running 3.2 miles to promote health and fitness. The most motivated units will be awarded streamers.

- The second event is a concert and reenactment sponsored by the U.S. Army Field Band and Lion-Heart FilmWorks. These events will inspire the audience as the Army's lineage is traced through music and reenactment.

An award presentation will honor Soldiers, spouses and civilians who made significant contributions to the APG community during a cake cutting ceremony followed by a Family & MWR-sponsored barbecue.

All events are open to Soldiers, Family members and civilians across the installation. Maximum participation is encouraged.

Contact Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa at 410-278-3000 or maritzabel.mustafaa@mail.mil for information.

FRIDAY JUNE 15 HAVRE DE GRACE CONCERT

Get your feet moving with rock 'n roll songs. Big Cam & the Lifters will be in concert 7:30 p.m. at Millard E. Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. The concert is free. Bring chairs and picnics. No rain location. Call 410-939-2100 for information.

SATURDAY JUNE 16 APG YARD SALE

Get together your used goods and reserve a table at the APG community yard sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the

APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. This is the perfect event to get rid of unnecessary items taking up space in the garage. To reserve a table in the recreation center ballroom, cost is \$20 for one 6-ft. table and \$35 for two 6-ft. tables. To reserve space on the patio, cost is \$15 for one 6-ft. space and \$25 for one 12-ft. space. Tables and chairs will be provided. All items being sold must be clean and in working condition. Call 410-278-4011.

ARMY B-DAY & SUMMER CAMP ORIENTATION SET

Attend the CYSS Summer Camp Orientation and celebrate the Army's birthday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902. The orientation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. and will be followed by the celebration, which will include free hot dogs, cake and fun activities for the kids. This event is open to the APG community. New members who tour the center will receive a free welcome gift. For information, call 410-436-2862.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

Join us for Texas Hold'Em at the American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 at 300 Cherry Street in Perryville, Md., with the game at 2 p.m., registration at 1 p.m. and side game at noon. There is a \$50 buy-in and proceeds support SAL candidate for National Commander.

For information, call 410-642-2771. Proceeds support American Legion programs.

MONDAY JUNE 18 CONSOLIDATE BUY OPENS

The Computer Hardware, Enterprise Software and Solutions will open the 15th consolidated buy (CB) for ordering June 18. The ordering period runs through Sept. 30. New this CB period are tablets and slates that meet network standards and run the Microsoft Windows based Army Golden Master. CHES has also established an AKO page where customers can review benchmark information for the CB desktops and notebooks. The CB is an Army-mandated requirement directed by AR 25-1 and the Army CIO/G-6. Army organizations are required to use the CB to satisfy their desktop and notebook requirements. Army organizations purchasing non-CB desktops or notebooks require a CB exception. The 15th CB will be the last one for the fiscal and calendar year. Visit <https://CHES.army.mil> for more information.

JUNIOR GOLF STARTS

Classes for APG's junior golf program, ages 5-17, will be held at the Exton Golf Course every Monday and Friday June 18 – July 31. Classes will be held at Ruggles every Tuesday and Thursday June 19 – July 31. Registration is \$70 and is open to military, DoD civilian and contractor dependants. Register at CYSS Bldg. 2503. Walk-in registration is set 7:30-10:30 a.m., or call 410-278-7479/7571 for an appointment. For more information, email william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-306-2297.

SATURDAY JUNE 23 COCKTAIL GALA

The community is invited to the 2012 Support Our Heroes Gala from 6-10 p.m. at the Bulle Rock Residents Center, 1200 Bulle Rock Parkway, Havre De Grace, MD 21078. Tickets are \$100 per person. This cocktail gala is to honor and demonstrate support for our military heroes. Enjoy food, entertainment, dancing and traditional silent and art auctions with proceeds donated to the Fisher House Foundation. For information on tickets, RSVPs or sponsorship, visit www.support-our-heroes.com. The corporate sponsorship reception is 4:30-6 p.m., by invitation only.

SUNDAY JUNE 24 VBS STARTS AT APG

Children in pre-school (age 5) through 6th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School at the post chapel at APG North through June 28.

This year's theme is Rocky Point Lighthouse. Enjoy memorable Bible studies, catchy songs, Christian crafts, snacks and games. Register as early as possible, no later than June 10.

Nursery is available for volunteers only who have children ages 4 and younger.

For information, contact Gerri Merkel, the director of Religious Edu-

cation at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27 JOB VERSUS CAREER

A Job Versus Career Class for Teens will be held June 27 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at ACS Bldg. 2503. Teens will learn the differences and benefits of pursuing a career versus a job. Teens will Learn what employers look for, how to apply for a job, resume writing and interview etiquette. Registration is required. For information or to RSVP, call 410-278-9669/7572 or email mari-lyn.e.howard.civ@mail.mil.

SATURDAY JUNE 30 A TASTE OF DORCHESTER

Experience A Taste of Dorchester June 30 where guests will board a “taster's cruise” on the 50-ft. “Sawyer” vessel featuring local crab meat samples, dine at Old Salty's Restaurant with a home-cooked buffet-style meal, and take a wine tasting tour of Layton's Chance Winery and Vineyards. Tickets are \$79 per person and must be purchased before June 15. The pickup and return address is 8861 Citation Rd., Baltimore, Md. To reserve seats, visit the APG North recreation center. For information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil. Visit www.tourdorchester.org.

SATURDAY AUG. 11 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

APG MWR and Army Entertainment present Boston with special guests Kansas and Grand Funk Railroad at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Shine Sports Field. Advance tickets are \$30. Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com/events.html, the Leisure Travel Office in the APG North recreation center and the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center. For information, call 410-278-4011 or 410-436-2713.

SATURDAY AUG. 18 YOLANDA ADAMS CONCERT

Ames United Methodist Church in Bel Air and Aberdeen Proving Ground's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program will host a gospel concert featuring Grammy and Dove-winning artist Yolanda Adams at 3 p.m. at the post theater. The concert pays tribute to Wounded Warriors in Maryland. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the APG North and South recreation centers.

ONGOING BLUE STAR MUSEUMS PROGRAM RETURNS

Active duty military personnel and their Families can get free admission to several Virginia museums this summer. The Virginia Museum of Natural History in Martinsville, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond and several others are among 1,600 museums nationwide that are offering free admission to military Families through Labor Day. The Blue Star Museums program is a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families.

SATURDAYS THROUGH JUNE 16 SATURDAY CRITTER FEEDING

Eden Mill Nature Center will be offering feedings on Saturdays through June 16 at 1 p.m. for Families. Join us in the nature center as we feed our critters. Take a turn feeding one of the turtles or a snake. Space is limited to 10 participants so pre-register early by calling 410-836-3050 or emailing edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org for information.

BABES IN WOODS SUMMER CAMP

Eden Mill Nature Center is taking registration for “Babes in the Woods” summer camp for ages 4 and 5. Dates and topics are as follows: June 15- Silly Snakes, July 2- Be A Tree, July 3- Busy Beavers, July 5- Animals Everywhere, July 16- Insect Investigators, July 18- Wonderful Wetlands, Aug. 6- Turtle Time, Aug. 8- Tracks and Trails, Aug. 10- Habitat Hunters from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Preschoolers will enjoy a day exploring nature through hands-on activities such as hikes, games, stories and crafts. The fee is \$25/member/date or \$30/non-member/date. Pre-

registration is required by calling 410-836-3050 or email edenmillnaturecenter@gmail.com. Visit www.edenmill.org for information.

SEEKING 2ID VETS

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the national association and our annual reunion in Reno, Nev., Aug. 23-26, visit www.2ida.org or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

AUDITION FOR DRACULA

The APG Theater Group will perform Dracula in October. To audition or to join the theater group, visit the recreation center Mondays at 6 p.m., or call 410-278-4011/4907.

CHAPEL POSITION

The APG main post chapel is seeking someone who can serve as choir director, organist and soloist. It is a paid position, part-time, required for two services on Sunday, special services and rehearsal. If interested, contact Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Morse at 410-278-4333.

MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Motorcycle safety courses for active duty, Guard and Reserve Soldiers begin this month at APG. To find out the schedule for the basic rider course, experienced rider course and motorcycle refresher training, call Mike Alllen at 410-306-1081. Attendees must register online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

NOW CYSS TEEN SURVEY

APG's Child Youth and School Services wants to know what activities and programs interest your teens. CYSS offers many classes and sports activities but few teen recreation and leisure programs. We need your help to understand what we can do to meet their needs while providing fun activities. Our ultimate goal is to have enough teen participation to warrant opening a teen center. Visit <https://www.research.net/s/CYSSTeenSurvey> to take the survey. Your responses are very important.

MSU OFFERS MASTERS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Morgan State University announces its master's degree in electrical engineering program, designed for those interested in pursuing an advanced degree with concentrations in communications, signals intelligence and RADAR. The program will be offered at APG and Baltimore City, and includes a thesis or course-only option. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and B.S. in electrical engineering from an ABET accredited program are required. Other STEM degrees may be considered. Submit applications by July 1 (June 1 for international students) for the fall semester at: http://www.morgan.edu/School_of_Graduate_Studies.html. Call 443-885-1456 or email Jumoke.Ladeji-Osias@Morgan.Edu for info.

DIY WHEEL BALANCE

The APG Auto Craft Center has a new top-of-the-line wheel balancing machine for 10” to 24” wheels, to include low profile tires. Reduce expensive car repair costs and do it yourself with the assistance of Auto Craft staff members. Stop by the center and see how you can save money. For information, call 410-278-5178 or visit www.apgmwr.com/recreation/auto.html.

IEPP PROGRAM CONTINUED

Internal Enterprise Placement Program, the IMCOM program designed to place over-hires from one installation in vacancies at another installation, has been continued. APG garrison employees can apply for positions that they qualify for at the same or lower grades. Vacancies are posted at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/662838>.



MORE ONLINE
More events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/calendar.

JUNE IS MEN’S HEALTH MONTH

To screen or not to screen: What men should know about prostate cancer

By **WAYNE COMBS, PH.D.**
U.S. Army Public Health Command

Did you know that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force does not recommend prostate cancer screening for all men? If you don’t know the latest information about prostate cancer screening, you are not alone. Many men don’t. This article will help you understand more about the latest information on prostate cancer screening and help you discuss this issue with your healthcare provider.

What are the latest recommendations for prostate cancer screening?

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is currently no scientific agreement on the best ways to prevent prostate cancer and not enough supporting evidence to recommend screening in all men. The USPSTF has concluded that the current medical evidence is insufficient to compare the benefits and harms of prostate cancer screening in men younger than age 75 years. The USPSTF also recommends against screening for prostate cancer in men age 75 years or older.

What is prostate cancer?

Prostate cancer is made up of cells that do not grow normally. The cells divide and create new cells that the body does not need, forming a mass of tissue



www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local/ click on Well Being

Just For Men

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will sponsor a men’s health fair June 7 at the APG North gym 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and receive free screenings, including blood and hearing screenings. Learn about nutrition and health issues most common in males. For information, call Sue Singh at 410-278-1771.

called a tumor. These abnormal cells can sometimes spread to other parts of the body, multiply and cause death.

What causes prostate cancer?

As with many types of cancers, medical experts do not know what causes prostate cancer. They are studying several possible causes.

Who is at increased risk for prostate cancer?

While all men are at risk for prostate cancer, some factors increase risk:

- Family history. Men with a father or brother who has had prostate cancer are at greater risk for developing it themselves.

- Race. Prostate cancer is more common in some racial and ethnic groups than in others, but medical experts do not know why. Prostate cancer is more common in African-American men than in white men. And, African-American men with prostate cancer are more likely to die from the disease than white men. It is less common in Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American men than in white men.

- Age. The prevalence of prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 40.

Can prostate cancer be prevented?

Medical experts do not know how to prevent prostate cancer. But they are studying many factors. They do know

that not smoking, maintaining a healthy diet, staying physically active and seeing your doctor regularly contribute to overall good health.

What does “screening” mean?

Screening means looking for signs of disease in people who have no symptoms. Screening for prostate cancer means looking for early-stage disease. The main screening tools for prostate cancer are the digital rectal examination and the prostate specific antigen blood test. However, the DRE and PSA test cannot tell if you have cancer; they can only suggest the need for further tests. Many factors such as age, race, certain medical procedures, an enlarged prostate or a prostate infection can affect PSA levels.

Because of the uncertainty about prostate cancer screening, the CDC recommends that men discuss prostate screening with their healthcare provider. Every man needs balanced information on the pros and cons of prostate cancer to help him make an informed decision about screening.

For more information on prostate cancer, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed_decision_making.htm
- <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf>

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency).

For info, contact Cathy Davis at 410-306-0152 or cathy.a.davis4.civ@mail.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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	John Eppinger	Robert Merritt	Kimber Todd
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Women leaders talk lessons learned

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The goal of the event was to bring together women for networking and mentoring, with an aim to help one another succeed, said Heather Couvillon, a founding member of the WID Mid-Atlantic Chapter and events director.

“A lot of times people don’t have the confidence to say what isn’t popular. It’s a lot of building confidence to do different things and break out of normal areas,” said Couvillon.

This idea was reiterated by several of the panel members throughout the lunch.

“You have to have confidence,” said Jill H. Smith, director, Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, who started at APG as a mathematician during a time when there were no women SES’s here.

“Attitude,” Smith said, guided her through her career.

“It’s not about what you know, but how you learn,” Smith shared as advice she’s embraced over the years.

“Enjoy what you do . . . in every job

try to do your best; the opportunities will follow,” said Smith.

Intellectual curiosity and the knowledge that there was significant work going on in her field drove Laurel Allender, director, Army Research Laboratory Human Research and Engineering Directorate and former colleague of Smith’s when she was at ARL.

When asked about the challenges of working in a male dominated environment, Allender shared an experience of being mistaken for a note taker when sitting in as an alternate in a high-level meeting.

“One of the men in the meeting said, ‘nice of you to come out to take notes,’” she said.

“Let your role speak for you,” she said after the room settled from its incredulous laughter. “The issue is not with men so much as knowing what your role is. The role you play is what ends up speaking for you.”

De-conflicting roles can sometimes become complicated if you are not clear

on your priorities, said Monique Ferrell, deputy auditor general, U.S. Audit Agency and military spouse to the APG commanding general. Throughout her career, Ferrell said her priority was as a mom, and even took a downgrade in her career in order to sustain a work/life balance.

“Yes, I have a career, but [being a mom] is my primary role. This is what had to work for me. Knowing what works for you and adjusting is key,” said Ferrell.

Five of these six women executives, with the exception of Ferrell who is assigned to Fort Belvoir in Virginia, represent 21 per cent of APG’s 24 SES leaders. APG government civilian personnel number just over 10,800, with roughly 31 per cent of employees women, according to an email from the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Couvillon said she was impacted by the outcome of the luncheon and the examples set by all the panel members.

“I see them all as role models. As I watched them, I thought to myself, ‘I

want her poise, I want how she conducts herself . . . it was awe-inspiring. I feel like we just shot the moon.”

Couvillon wasn’t alone in her appreciation, as noted by some of the men who attended.

“It was informative, hilarious, and they were very friendly,” said Krishan Pariph, a chemical engineer with Nexagen Networks, who said he came to network and to introduce himself to the community.

Nearly every seat was filled and there were more questions than there was time to answer. Many of the attendees remained in the hall after the event asking questions and networking with the panelists.

“The panel was very diverse, and it was very good to get perspectives from senior leaders. They answered questions you think of as you go through your day to day duties,” said Tiffany Cooper, a program analyst in CERDEC’s Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate.

Wall tributes U.S. troops

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“Some people assume that the military is just about fighting wars, but they do so much more,” she said. “They help others. For instance, they help rebuild communities after natural disasters.”

School and elected officials included Harford County Public School Superintendent Robert Tomback; a Joe Hau, a member from the Harford County Board of Education; Maryland State Delegate H. Wayne Norman Jr.; Garrison APG Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and Master Sgt. John Cavaliere, interim garrison command sergeant major.

Ortiz said he was proud of the students’ hard work and dedication.

“I have served the United States Army proudly for twenty four years, and have traveled in many different states and in many different countries, but I have never seen a display like this,” he said. “It means so very much.”

Another special guest was Staff Sgt. Danielle Bliss, who serves in the Maryland Air National Guard. Bliss previously taught foreign language classes at NHMS before being called into federal service last year. She

is included on the Wall of Honor.

“The Wall shows students what kind of impact the military has in their community,” Bliss said.

About the Wall of Honor

Thomas Ford, a 7th grade social studies teacher and military veteran, said the project originally began around Veteran’s Day 2010 when students in the Future Teachers of America club decided to honor the military.

He said the students were particularly inspired by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and wanted to create something similar using available resources.

The Wall consists of paper certificates that represent individuals from all branches of the U.S. This year, the Wall, which was adopted by the 7th grade class, grew by 200 names.

“The students were more attuned to the project this year,” he said. “More students became aware of the Wall of Honor throughout the school year. They wanted their Family members to receive recognition too.”

McCormick bids farewell

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person on earth.

“I know command is not a right, it’s a privilege, and I have enjoyed this privilege tremendously,” said McCormick. “APG has been a huge part of my professional Army career. I thank God and I thank you all.”

During her speech, she also noted that Jackson passed up the opportunity to serve as garrison command sergeant major.

“She said, ‘We started this race together, and we’re going to finish it,’” McCormick said.

Ortiz said Mustafaa comes to HHC highly recommended by her leadership chain with a proven record of success at 20th Support Command (CBRNE).

“She will continue the great legacy of our HHC,” he said.

Mustafaa said she was “truly honored and privileged” to lead the Garrison HHC and thanked Ortiz for the opportunity as well as 20th Spt. Cmd. (CBRNE) and 22d Chemical Battalion team members for their support.

“I look forward to supporting the headquarters team and leading the unit to accomplish its mission,” she said.

Guests of the program included APG Installation and CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell and CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent.

The program included an invocation by Chaplain (Maj.) Jonathan Morse and the singing of the national anthem by Courtney Payne of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Capt. Maritzabel Mustafaa

Mustafaa enlisted in the Army in April 1998 as a nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) specialist. She rose to the rank of sergeant first class before she was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in January 2008.

She holds a master’s degree in Environmental Management from Webster University and a bachelor’s degree in Human Resources Management from Park University.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious, Army Commendation, Army Achievement, Kosovo Campaign and Global War on Terrorism Service medals. Her past assignments include Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Camp Casey, Korea; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Germany and Kosovo.

Mustafaa is married to retired 1st Sgt. Khalid Mustafaa. They have two children, ages 11 and 2.

Deborah Barrows

Barrows was awarded the Department of the Army Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, certificate of appreciation and certificate of retirement, signed by APG’s senior leader and commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell. Her husband, Mark Barrows received the DA certificate of retirement.



Barrows

Barrows officially retired June 2 with 29 years of government service.

Barrows began her career working for the Federal Bureau of Investigations Headquarters in Washington D.C., as a data transcriber. Later she relocated to Panama where she worked in the Plans Division, Army J2 Military Intelligence, as a secretary and administrative assistant.

She continued her federal career with the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. as an intelligence technician. She again relocated to Hawaii where she worked at the Tripler Army

Medical Center. Her next career choice relocated her to Fort Monmouth, N.J., where she worked for the Communications-Electronics Command. This job took her to places such as California, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, and APG. She culminates her career as a business development specialist.

During her retirement she plans to finish her master’s degree in English as a Second Language. She plans to teach ESL after graduating.

“I am sad to leave my coworkers but excited about what the future will hold,” Barrows said.

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Soldier Show cast salutes local vet

(At top) World War II veteran Paul Newcomer congratulates a U.S. Army Soldier Show cast member after the group's June 1 performance at the post theater. (At left) Newcomer posed for pictures with the cast and crew and thanked them for their performance and service to the nation. The Bel Air resident was accompanied by his daughter, Andrea Huson, and said it was the first Soldier Show he had seen. Nearly 900 community members attended Friday evening's live musical performance; 437 attended the matinee earlier in the day. The active duty Soldiers will perform at 40 venues across the globe during the yearlong tour that features class and modern hits, and some original material.

Photos by Adriane Foss

Stay prepared for storms

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and businesses lost power. Electrical service was restored to all customers by mid-day, June 3.

Dozens of homes and businesses sustained damage from the tornado. Three structures—a mobile office trailer, a one-story auto refinishing and detailing business and a vacant one-story wood frame garage—were destroyed during the storm. Several other businesses sustained moderate to heavy damage to their roofs, windows, exterior signs and structures. Dozens of vehicles were also damaged or destroyed by the tornado.

Preliminary estimates by Harford County government place damages at more than \$1 million.

The Harford County Division of Emergency Operations will continue to monitor clean-up efforts and damage assessments related to Friday's storm.

"I applaud the prompt and efficient response of our fire and EMS personnel who did a tremendous job during the storm," said Harford County Executive David R. Craig regarding the storm and clean-up efforts. "I cannot stress enough the importance of emergency preparedness to the citizens of Harford County, to help them be better equipped to deal with severe storms and weather events. There is no substitute for being properly prepared for severe weather."

APG's Rick de Oliveira, chief of the Emergency Operations Center, said he extended the installation's support to Harford County's chief of emergency operations Rick Ayers on Monday.

"Our unity of effort is a pledge we sustain, no matter the hardship or ordeal," said de Oliveira.

He said although the storm skipped over APG, the installation was prepared to take action.

"By and large, we were prepared and ready for Friday's severe weather with confidence," said de Oliveira. "Our emergency personnel were equipped and poised to respond to any calls for assistance or support."

Olympic Sport Day, Oktoberfest slated

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cessfully defended our nation for 237 years. And it's a salute to the men and women who have committed, even given their lives, for what our Army stands for."

Mustafaa said she's hoping for a good turnout at the run, but those who are not early risers can join the festivities at 10 a.m. at Fanshaw, where military reenactors will play out the Army's story from its origin to present day. The reenactment will be performed to dramatic music provided by Fort Meade's U.S. Army Field Band.

"The Field Band is an internationally acclaimed group that has played in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries," said Mustafaa. "They have been the premier musical reps for our military for more than 60 years and include some of America's best musical talent."

An 11:30 a.m. cake cutting ceremony and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-hosted barbecue is also set at Fanshaw Field after the Army Birthday events. Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked chicken, cold salads, chips

and drinks will be served. Senior Installation and CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell will conduct the cake cutting, along with the installation's youngest Soldier. Award presentations during the barbecue will honor Soldiers and community members who have made significant contributions to the APG community.

"I've celebrated the Army birthday with different units at different bases all over the world, and it never gets old," said Mustafaa. "This is something I want to be a part of, and I believe the APG community feels the same. It's a unique opportunity to honor our nation's military while having a really good time."

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26

Team APG is also hosting an **Olympic Sports Day** at various locations on post July 26.

The day is set aside for garrison and tenant organizations to strengthen part-

nerships and build camaraderie while participating in competitive sports.

Scored events include softball, kickball, volleyball, flag football, 3 on 3 basketball, two-mile race and golf skills. Events will take place at APG North's Shore Park, multiple softball fields, the recreation center and gym.

Food will be provided, and awards will be presented for each event as well as overall winner.

The event is open to all APG employees. Although mission will dictate participation, the Olympic Sport Day will be considered the place of duty for Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians. Contractors are required to take leave to participate.

The uniform will be civilian casual for observers and civilian sports for participants.

Senior Installation and CECOM Commander Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell, with Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Dent, will be the guest speaker.

Read the APG News and Facebook for updates.

Sept. 30

The community is invited to an **Oktoberfest** Sept. 27-30 at the APG North Shine Sports Field.

A traditional German keg tapping will commence the four-day German-inspired celebration.

"This event is open to service members, civilians both on and off post, Families, Retirees, and guests," said Mike Lupacchino, director of the installation's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "We will also be working closely with our neighboring city leaders to identify specific days that will be themed for specific cities throughout Harford County."

Attendees can enjoy German beer, food and music, along with carnival rides and activities.

Other events will include a Volksmarch (fitness walk), car show, craft market, sports on big screen TVs and gospel brunch.

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Garrison paper reunites Vietnam vets

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sure I was not dreaming and cleared the blood and debris from my eyes."

At this point, Pilkinton looked back at the pile of burning wreckage, and through the thick smoke he was able to see Jones slumped over and still strapped in.

"I ran back to the helicopter to drag Jonesy out," he remembers. "Jonesy was my priority, I had to get him out. He was in pretty bad shape but alive."

Another helicopter managed to land nearby and flew the pair to the hospital.

"I suffered some minor burns to my face and leg, a left wrist and shoulder injury, my lips were busted up, most of my teeth were knocked loose," said Pilkinton. "Also, something had hit me in the head and cracked my flight helmet from the crown all the way down the left side."

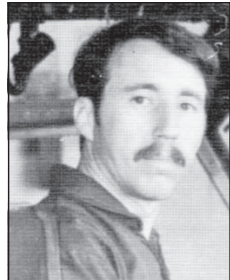
After about five days in the hospital, Pilkinton returned to the company area to recuperate. The last time he saw his friend Jones was in a body cast on his way back to the states.

"I remember asking the doctor's if he would be OK," said Pilkinton, "they told me he would, but they did not know if he would walk normally again."

The 162nd Assault Helicopter Company flew its last operational mission in late-March 1972 and stood down on April 3, 1972, after more than six years of war.

Miles Apart

Pilkinton, who now lives in the Philippines with his wife, could not let that day go without finding out what happened to his friend. He found a story that ran a couple of years ago in the



Walter Jones III

Fort Campbell Courier about Chief Warrant Officer 4 Walter Jones and decided to write a Letter to the Editor.

Through email the two were able to establish contact again.

Pilkinton was able to discover that Jones made a full recovery and is still on active duty. The only difference is now he's actually flying the aircraft that they both went down in that day in 1971.

"I almost didn't go through flight school," Jones said as he choked back tears recalling the support of his wife. "I called her that night and told her I was submitting my letter of resignation. She asked if I thought it through. She said 'if that's what you want to do then do it, but you've always talked about flying.'"

So he went to his commander at Fort Rucker, Ala., and asked to continue training and got back in the air.

After flight school he was now behind the controls of a Huey. It was 1976 and he got stationed with the Ghostriders, Delta Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The same company he serves with today.

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the cutting edge in aviation. Their concepts, their aircraft, their people; I think they bring the best out of people. The pace is horrendous, but it brings out the best," said Jones. "The 101st is just where it's at in aviation."

Jones, now with the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, joined the Army in 1970, retired in 1993 and then came back in on the Volunteer Recall Program in 2005. He continues to serve, hoping to do one more tour in Afghanistan.

"I love what I do and that's the most important thing in life," said Jones. "If you don't love what you do in life, find out what it is that you do love and go for it."

In total that's nearly 30 years active duty and four decades of his life with the U.S. Army, which has brought him from Vietnam to Korea to Iraq and most recently Afghanistan.

Pilkinton, who was discharged in 1972, stayed out of helicopters for awhile until he joined the Arkansas Air National Guard for two years. In total Pilkinton was shot down in a helicopter three times and had another incident with the National Guard that he was able to walk away from with no serious injuries.

That's when he decided to walk away from aviation, unlike Jones.

"As I fight back the tears of joy it lifts a weight from me knowing he survived and is doing something he loves," said Pilkinton.

He hopes one day to visit Vietnam again, specifically Can Tho.

"Some of the worst and best times of my life happened there," he said. "Good, bad or indifferent it made me who I am. I guess I want my youth back, that sparkle that disappeared from my eyes so many years ago or at least some closure to a book left open. I want to stand on the runway at Can Tho. Yes, it's still there. Let's just say it's the last chapter of a story that started many years ago."

Pilkinton is enjoying the simple quiet life surrounded by lush greenery and warm weather year round while Jones is currently trying to do one more tour in Afghanistan.

"I learned to never take life for granted," said Jones, who still wears his combat patch from his time spent in Vietnam. "There was just tears of joy when [Pilkinton] was finally able to connect. I had the same here."